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THE PRIMARIES IN BROOKLYN.

The Republicans of Brooklyn will hold primary elections in each ward to-night to elect the delegates who in turn will on Thursday night elect the delegates to the State Convention to meet at Richfield Springs. The preparations for them were practically made yesterday, and they will be held in the customary places.

The ward factions will contest the elections. In the IVth, Xth, XXth, XXIst and XXIIId Wards there will be rival tickets, and there is considerable bitterness of feeling. This is largely because of the desire of certain politicians for the coveted positions on the State Committee. The primary elections will also be held to-night in the five towns of Kings County, and there will be contests in each of them.

Chairman Baldwin of the General Committee has appointed following men to call to order the Assembly District Conventions on Thursday night, when these State Convention delegates will be seated:

District. Name.

- I.—Dennis M. Shirley.
- II.—John C. Curtis.
- III.—John B. Green.
- IV.—W. H. Leary.
- V.—Samuel A. Avila.
- VI.—Robert J. Johnson.
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- VIII.—Francis M. Egerton.

Fire Commissioner Partridge has arranged it so that the firemen can absent from their posts long enough to vote at the primary elections.

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TAMMANY'S STEPS TO SECURE A CONFERENCE—WHAT COUNTY DEMOCRACY LEADERS SAY.

The committee of twenty-four appointed by the Tammany Hall General Committee to confer with the other Democratic organizations in this city and ascertain the prospect for harmonious action in selecting the delegation to the State Convention met yesterday afternoon at Tammany Hall, Colonel E. T. Wood presiding. It was resolved that a sub-committee of seven be appointed to confer with the County Democracy and Irving Hall organizations. The sub-committee consists of Alexander Taftin, Sidney P. Nichols, George A. Hall, Charles Weide, George W. Plunkitt, P. G. Duffy, and John Kelly. The committee will meet to-day and prepare a letter to be addressed to the other Democratic organizations.

It is thought that nothing is likely to come of this action on the part of Tammany Hall. The Tammany leaders do not believe that it will have any good results. Said one of them yesterday: "We wish to place ourselves right on the record, in order to show the State Convention that we are in favor of harmony; but after the meeting of the State Committee, and its action, we are satisfied that the County Democracy will not agree to any proposition that we may make. Our meetings will come to nothing, and three delegations will be sent to the State Convention.

The County Democracy leaders say that they have issued a call, broad enough for all Democrats, to take part in their primaries. If Tammany Hall and Irving Hall are not willing to accept the invitation, that is their own lookout. The question they add, was settled at Saratoga. The State Committee there decided that the County Democracy was the regular organization representing the Democrats of the city, and that it should be given full recognition and the necessary preparations for it. "It would be the height of political folly," one of the County Democracy leaders said, "to throw away this advantage, which will be virtually lost." The State Committee, which has given the matter much consideration,

Tammany Hall is growing louder in its demands. It wants to be called to as much recognition by the State Convention as the County Democracy. The last State Convention divided the delegations from this city among the three Democratic parties. The County Democracy had Hall 24 and Irving Hall 10. Tammany Hall will ask that it be given as many delegates as the County Democracy, and will not be satisfied if its request is not acceded to. But the Irving Hall leaders are not so obstinate, but will give it as many as give the same number of delegates as last year, Tammany Hall and the County Democracy being nearly thirty-one each.

THE LOCAL PRIMARIES.

The Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the State Convention will be held on Friday evening next in each Assembly district. No call for primaries has yet been issued by either of the Democratic organizations.

In most of the Assembly districts primaries will be held by Tammany Hall on Friday evening, September 21, and the Assembly District Conventions by which the delegates to the State Convention are chosen, will be held on the following evening of Saturday, September 22. The County Democracy and County Assembly District Conventions will be held on or about September 20, and the Assembly District Conventions a night or two afterward.

SELECTING ELECTION OFFICIALS.

The Police Commissioners will probably meet here to-day to lay the walking-match law in a suit against William King, and to appoint the election inspectors and poll clerks. There is no question about the Republican half of these offices. The County Democracy, Tammany Hall and Irving Hall have each sent in full lists of candidates for inspectors and poll clerks. It is probable that the proportion awarded to each organization will be five-twelfths each to the County Democracy and Tammany Hall and six-twelfths to Irving Hall. Should that be the case, the Tammany leaders will point to it as an evidence of "what Tammany Hall is willing to do to its own colored men" with the County Democracy and Irving Hall.

GENERAL REPRESENTATION PROPOSED.

The XIIIth Assembly District Republican Association held a meeting at No. 202 Eighth-ave. last night, Clarence Meade presiding. The report of the committee on harmony recommending that representation be given to all nominating conventions was adopted, and the committee continued.

GERMAN CITIZENS IN DELIBERATION.

The General Convention of the German-American Independent Citizens' Association held a meeting last night at No. 229 East Fifteenth-st., President Henry G. Antonietti in the chair. A resolution reported by Mr. Gross, in favor of the abolition of convict labor, was discussed by his mover, Charles E. Hedges, D. S. N. Samuels, Ira H. Tuttle, James Otis, William Nicholl. The delegates to the Senatorial Convention at Jamaica, yet to be called up, are Charles E. Shepard, S. A. Tins, Henry T. Smith, Nicholl, Edward J. Haviland, Morgan Morgan, B. C. Cartwright, John H. Hunt, Walter E. Derby; at large, James W. Willard, R. D. Duval. No preference was expressed for Senator. The delegates to the Judicial Convention are: Wilton L. Smith, E. A. Carpenter, James H. Tuttle, Thomas Young, Benjamin H. Reeve. No preferences were expressed.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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The hydrographic survey of the lakes has cost \$2,907,550, besides \$174,640 expended for "surveys of the Northwestern lakes and harbors." Upon the survey of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, lakes and rivers \$1,364,000 has been spent. The cost of surveying proposed water routes to the seaboard in accordance with the recommendations of a Senate committee some years ago cost \$229,148. The survey of "Western and Northwestern rivers," cost \$275,000 and the sum of \$79,454 was expended for "sang boats on Western rivers."

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WHAT A MAN CAN LIVE ON—HOW TO ABOLISH MILLIONAIRES.—THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

J. K. Ingalls, of Brooklyn, told Senator Blair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Education and the four reporters who were present when he took the stand yesterday morning, that the solution of the land question was an easy matter. Give to every man all the land he wanted and there would be no trouble from the encroachments of capital upon the interests of laboring men. It was wrong for a few persons to be allowed to control large tracts of land in valuable localities. The extensive estates of the Astor, Lorillard and Rhinelander families were in effect so much land withdrawn from the market. The laws of the country at present allowed land to be handed down from one generation to another. Mr. Ingalls maintained that the law should be altered so as to allow the executors to dispose of the land within a certain time. This, he argued, would prevent large estates from accumulating in the hands of a few owners.

I maintain that a man can live comfortably on \$25,000 a year," said George Blair, a manufacturer of packing boxes, fixing his eyes on the chairman, seated at the opposite end of the table. A little old man who had just entered the room and settled into a chair near the door, bowed his head and whispered: "Guess he can if he don't drink like a fish."

"No person should be taxed," continued Mr. Blair, "who has an income of less than \$10,000. In order to prevent the possible existence of a millionaire, I would have the man whose income exceeds \$100,000 taxed so heavily that he would never be able to amass money enough to earn that title. I do not see why Government should not be allowed to escape taxation as they do at present. Rich men look up to their fortunes in them, and thus escape bearing their share of the burdens of the Nation."

Another measure which Mr. Blair recommended was the adoption and enforcement by the Government of a law making the education of children compulsory. The youth of the land, he said, should be instructed in political affairs as well as in the science of astronomy. The public schools were woefully deficient in this branch of study. If young men were not intelligently informed the greatest questions of the day they may receive no education at all.

The telegraph strike, he said, was the result of a combination of two causes. The workmen were compelled to meet the demands of the strike of the operators. The men insisted that since the communication of the strike was to the wire, and not to the post office, telegraphers had no right to strike.

The rates of pay were increased, and the operators had no more time than they had to work. The men who now sit on the early dawn till late at night would have an opportunity for the development of their talents.

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